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- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications  
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- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☐ Small entity-fee \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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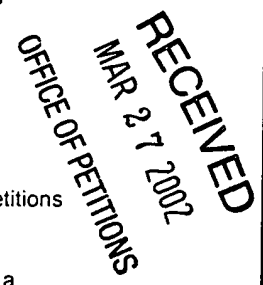
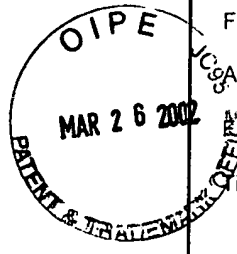
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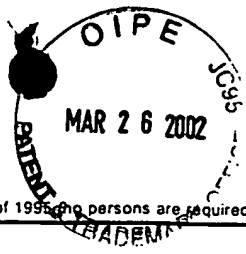
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